

Amendment No. 1 to SB3939

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 3939**

**House Bill No. 3975\***

by adding the following language immediately preceding the enacting clause:

WHEREAS, Tennessee is committed to staffing every public school and providing every student with competent educators; and

WHEREAS, professional standards for entrance to and retention in the teaching profession promote excellence by ensuring that educators who are licensed by the state possess the knowledge and skills necessary to deliver a quality public education to our children; and

WHEREAS, teachers, administrators, and higher education faculty should work together to improve the education profession, thereby enhancing educational opportunities for all students in Tennessee; now, therefore,

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. There is hereby created a special joint committee to study the licensure of public school teachers in Tennessee. The goal of the study is to determine whether all functions and duties relative to the licensure of public school teachers should be transferred to a professional standards commission working under the oversight of the state board of education.

SECTION 2. The special joint committee shall consist of three (3) members of the House of Representatives and three (3) members of the Senate, to be appointed by their respective speakers.

SECTION 3. All legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the general assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the general assembly.

SECTION 4. The committee shall be convened by the legislative member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly, and at its first meeting shall elect a Chair,

Vice Chair and such officers the committee deems necessary.

SECTION 5. At the request of the committee, the various agencies and entities of state government shall assist the committee in the performance of its duties.

SECTION 6. The special joint committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation or interim reports, to the Senate Education Committee and the House Education Committee of the One Hundred Fifth General Assembly no later than February 1, 2007, at which time the joint committee shall cease to exist.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.